

All Saints Church, Clipstone



Weddings and Blessings of Marriage

Thank you for considering All Saints Church, Clipstone as a special place for your marriage service or service of blessing.

A wedding is one of life's great moments, a time of solemn commitment as well as good wishes, feasting and joy. In St John's Gospel we read how Jesus shared in such an occasion at Cana, and gave there a sign of new beginnings as he turned water into wine.

How do we arrange a Wedding?

- Contact the Church Office in Edwinstowe. Details are at the end of this leaflet. If you have any difficulties try one of the other numbers.
- You will be asked some questions before dates and times can be agreed...
 - Have either or both of you been married before and your former partner is still alive? If this is so an appointment will be made for you to meet one of our clergy who in a careful way will see if your marriage may take place here.
 - Do you live in Clipstone parish or have some other Qualifying Connection with All Saints.
 - Details of this can be found on the Church of England website or will be explained when you contact us.
 - If you do not have a connection you may still be able to be married at All Saints if one or both of you worship here regularly (at least once a month) at least for six months before your wedding
 - You will need to bring ID and proof of address (for instance a passport and driving licence)
- Weddings may take place any day of the week and at a time to suit you providing the church and minister are available.
- A non- returnable deposit of £50 is payable at the time of booking and before the date and time are finally fixed.

Preparation

- It is good preparation to attend church before the wedding (services are usually at 9.30am on a Sunday) but this is not required unless you live outside of the parish and do not have a Qualifying Connection. You do **not** have to be Baptized but we are always ready to talk about Baptism.
- You will be invited to a '*Making Marriage Special*' day at no cost to yourselves; these are often on a Sunday near St Valentine's Day (14th February) and last from 9.30am until about 3.00pm. Couples really enjoy this opportunity, finding it answers most of their questions, makes it all more personal and helps the day go even better.
- Before their marriage most people have to have their banns of marriage called, when their names are read out in All Saints church the first three Sundays of two months before the wedding month. If one or both of you live away from Clipstone you will need to visit your local Church of England Church and have your banns called there as well. You will have to pay a £44 (2019) fee to that church.

How much does it cost?

The cost for a church wedding at All Saints is £489 (2019) which includes everything in church except the organ/ music facility(+£65), and permission to video (+£150). These fees may go up in the New Year. They must be paid at least six weeks before the wedding by cash or cheque, or preferably by BACS.

Please note: The wedding cannot take place until the full fee is paid and any cheque is cleared.

What is marriage?

- Whether in a church building or a secular building, we believe that marriage is intended by God to be a creative relationship, as his blessing enables a couple to love and support each other in good times and in bad, and to share in the care and upbringing of children.
- Marriage is also an invitation to share life together in the spirit of Jesus Christ. It is based upon a solemn, public and life-long covenant between a couple, declared and celebrated in the presence of God and before witnesses.
- On your wedding day you face each other, making your promises and receiving God's blessing. The whole congregation are witnesses of the marriage, and express support by their presence and their prayers. You are also prayed for in church when we call your banns of marriage and around your wedding day.
- Our support does not end on the wedding day: you will be most welcome to join us for the Celebration of Marriage service near to St Valentine's Day each year; and if you need a listening ear for whatever reason in the days ahead do contact one of the clergy.

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